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In re Patent Application of)
Hiroshi SANO et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: March 15, 2000)
For: A GENE WHICH EXHIBITS)
INDUCED EXPRESSION BY STRESS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 7 and 8, and add new claims 10-18, as follows.

7. (Amended) A method to render resistance to an environmental stress to a plant, the method comprising incorporation of the gene according to claim 6 into said plant.

8. (Amended) A transgenic plant exhibiting resistance to an environmental stress, produced by incorporation of the gene according to claim 6 into a plant.